

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22356

Certain license revenue accrued to the dedicated fish and game fund is set aside according to provisions of Section 36-111 Idaho Code, which established a set-aside account in the dedicated fish and game fund. This bill will remove the set-aside requirement for revenue from duplicate licenses and tags, because the set-aside provisions are met at the time of the original license and tag purchase. This bill also amends the amount of revenue set aside from the disabled combination license, a reduced fee license, to be comparable with the proportion of revenue set aside from the adult resident combination license. The proportion of revenue that is set aside from the disabled combination license would decrease from \$2.00, which is 61% of the license cost, to \$0.25, which is 8% of the license cost, and is comparable with the set-aside proportion of the adult resident combination license. This change provides added flexibility to meet fish and game program needs that are broader than the narrow scope of the set aside. The set-aside revenue can only be used for access to big game, waterfowl, or upland bird habitats as well as their acquisition or restoration whereas revenue in the dedicated fish and game fund, that is not set aside, can be used to fund all license programs, including enforcement and fishery programs.

The bill also makes a technical correction.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal effect to the state General Fund. Although revenue is redirected from the set-aside account to the general fish and game fund, the fiscal effect is neutral because all of the revenue still remains within the fish and game fund.

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